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LANDS IN SEVERALTY TO CERTAIN INDIANS.

MARCH 5, 1888.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 8074.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1402) to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to the United Peorias and Miamies in Indian Territory, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, report back the accompanying substitute, and recommend that the said bill do lie on the table, and that the substitute do pass.

The United Peorias and Miamies own 50,301 acres of land in Indian Territory, where they reside, and the Miamies own land in the State of Kansas, where they resided prior to their removal to Indian Territory in 1873. All these Indians are civilized and self-sustaining, and are sufficiently educated to become citizens of the United States, and to hold their lands and other property in severalty, and they desire to so hold it.

The substitute provides for the allotment of their lands to them in severalty in Indian Territory, but to be held by the United States in trust for them, inalienable, and not subject to sale for taxes, or under decree of any court or otherwise for a period of twenty-five years, and for the sale of their lands in Kansas. The rights of all parties are properly guarded, and the bill is recommended by the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs and is desired by the Indians, and it is at their instance and request that this legislation is proposed.